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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: CORE GROUP MEETING AUGUST 6

REF: A. USUN 3124; B. STATE 193566 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: CORE GROUP MET AT WORKING-LEVEL ON AUGUST 6 UNDER ROK CHAIRMANSHIP AT BELGIUM'S MISSION. ALL MEMBERS REPRESENTED. WITH VIEW TO ESTABLISHING PLAN FOR SUB-MISSION, IF NECESSARY, OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SHORT NOTICE, CORE GROUP DECIDED TO ASK CAPITALS FOR FINAL COMMENT AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM AS WELL AS FOR AGREEMENT TO COSPONSOR RESOLUTION
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BY NEXT MEETING OF CORE GROUP SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF

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AUGUST 12. WHILE ROK STRESSED ADVANTAGE AND SAFETY
IN HAVING PRIORITY SHOULD HOSTILE AND FRIENDLY
RESOLUTIONS COME TO A VOTE IN FIRST COMMITTEE,
REMAINDER OF GROUP DID NOT FAVOR SEEKING PRIORITY NOW.
CANADA, NETHERLANDS, AND NEW ZEALAND, FOR INSTANCE,
STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF MAINTAINING FRULL CONSISTENCY
WITH OUR SIDES'S LOBBYING EFFORTS WHICH HAVE STRESSED
DSIRE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. ROK ALSO REEMPHASIZED
DESIRE TO SEEK DEFERMENT. VIEW WAS GENERAL IN GROUP
THAT POSSIBILITIES OF AHCIEVING DEFERMENT COULD BE
ASSESSED BETTER WHEN RESULTS OF COLOMBO AND OTHER
SOUNDINGS TOO HAVE GIVEN A RESONABLY CLEAR IDEA
BOTH OF DIRECTION NORTH KOREANS ARE HEADED AND OF
MAGNITUDE OF THEIR SUPPORT AMONG NON-ALINGNED. END SUMMARY.

2. CORE GROUP DISCUSSED PRIORITY:
(A) NETHERLANDS-POSITIVE REACTIONS TO SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S JULY 20 PROPOSAL WOULD BE ENDANGERED IF OUR
SIDE WERE TO SEEK PRIORITY. CORE GROUP HAS BEEN TRYING
TO DISCOURAGE CONFRONTATION. TO GO AGAINST THIS WOULD
BE UNFORTUNATE.
(B) BELGIUM- SAME POSITION AS THAT OF NETHERLANDS.
(C) COSTA RICA- CORE GROUP SHOULD NOT SEEK PRIORITY.
(D) CANADA-PREFERRED NOT TO GO FOR PRIORITY. TO DO
SO WOULD BE TO RUN COUNTER TO OUR ASSERTIONS AND TO THE SPIRIT
OF OUR SIDE'S SUPPORT FOR DIALOGUE.
ADDITIONALLY TO DO SO WOULD BE TO THROW AWAY THE OPPORTUNITY
OF BEING ABLE TO
TAILOR OUR RESOLUTION AS A RESPONSE TO A NORTH KOREAN DRAFT.
(E) NEW ZEALAND - SUPPORTED CANADA'S POSITION.
(F) UNITED STATES- PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REF B,
US SOUGHT CORE GROUP CAPITALS' AGREEMENT ON TEXT OF RESOLUTION
AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM (REF A) BEFORE NEXT CORE
GROUP MEETING. US ASKED CORE GROUP REPRESENTAGIVES
ALSO TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THEIR CPAITALS ABOUT COSPONSOR-
SHIP. US POINTED TO NEED TO BE PREPARED TO MOVE
QUICKLY, WITH CORE GROUP AS COSPONSORS, TO PLACE AGREED
RESOLUTION BEFORE UNGA, IF NECESSARY, AS SOON AS RESULTS
OF COLOMBO SUMMIT ARE CLEAR AND PROVIDED OTHER SOUNDIGS
HAVE GIVEN CORE GROUP A RESONABLY CLEAR IDEA BOTH OF
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THE DIRECTION THE NORTH KOREANS ARE HEADED AND OF THE
MAGNITUDE OF THEIR SUPPORT AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED. FOR
THIS REASON, US HOPED CORE GROUP COULD ESTALISH A PLAN
FOR SUBMISSION OF RRESOLUTION ON SHORT NOTICE. US
UNDERLINED, HOWEVER, THAT SEEKING PRIORITY NOEW WOULD
BE INCONSISTENT WITH INTENSIVE LOBBYING NOEW UNDER WAY WHICH IS
STRESSING OUR DESIRE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION.
(G) UK- NO COMMENT AS TO DESIRABILITY OF SEEKING

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OR NOT SEEKING PRIORITY. POINT MADE, HOWEVER, THAT, IF
CORE GROUP SOUGHT PRIORITY AFTER AUGUST 21N QUESTION
OF DEFERMENT WOULD BE COMPLICATED SINCE ITEM WOULD
THEN NEED TO BE INSCRIBED UNDER RULE 15 OF GENERAL
ASSEMBLY'S RULES OF PROCEDURE AS "ADDTIONAL ITEM"
ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA. RULE 15 READS IN PART AS
FOLLOWS: "ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF AN IMPORTANT AND
URGENT CHARACTER PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA
LESS THEN THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE OPENING OF A REGULAR
SESSION OR CLOSING A REGULAR SESSION.....". UK POINTED
OUT THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MOVE LATER FOR
DEFERMENT OF AN "ITEM OF AN IMPORTANT AND URGENT
CHARACTER."
(H) JAPAN-QUESTION OF PRIORITY A VERY DIFFICULT
ONE. TOKYO HAS NOT YET MADE UP ITS MIND. OPTING
NOEW FOR PRIORITY WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH LOBBYING
EFFORTS. AT SAME TIME, GROUP SHOULD BE PREPARED TO
OPT FOR PRIORITY, JAPAN WOULD LIKE TO WATCH DEVELOPMENTS
CLOSELY. JAPAN ALSO WOULD LIKE AN ASSESSMENT OF
REACTIONS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL. JAPAN
SENSED THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD BEEN PUT IN A DEFENSIVE
POSTURE BY THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL. JAPAN FELT THAT
NORTH KOREANS RISKED DISFAVOR WITH NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
IF THEY REJECTED PROPOSAL TOO BALDLY. JAPAN SUGGESTED
THAT ROK FOLLOW-UP BEFORE COLOMBO SUMMIT WITH A
CONCRETE PROPOSAL FOR RESUMPTION OF SOUTH-NORTH TALKS TO PUT
NORTH KOREANS IN MORE DEFENSIVE POSITION.
(I) FRG-LINE OF THINKING VERY SIMILAR TO US
STATED POSITION.
(J) ROK-IT COULD BE ASSUMED THAT NORTH KOREANS
WOULD TABLE A RESOLUTION. CORE GROUP ACTION SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED FROM POINT OF VIEW OF ACHIEVING DEFER-
MENT OF ITEM AND ALSO FROM POINT OF VIEW OF VOTES
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DRAFT RESOLUTION MIGHT ATTRACT. ROK SAW ADVANTAGE
AND SAFETY IN GAINING PRIORITY SINCE LAST YEAR'S
PRECEDENT OF ADOPTING TWO CONTRADICTORY RESOLUTIONS
IN KOREAN QUESTION COULD ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR
AVOIDANCE OF THIS IN 1976. ROK REASONED PRINCIPALLY THAT,
IF A HOSTILE RESOLUTION WERE TO BE ADOPTED
FIRST IN COMMITTEE ONE, THEN THERE MIGHT BE GROUND-
SWELL OF SUPPORT THIS YEAR FOR BLOCKING MOTION
AGAINST FRIENDLY RESOLUTION SO AS TO AVOID REPETITION
OF LAST YEAR'S ADOPTION OF TWO CONTRADICTORY
RESOLUTIONS. FOR SAME REASON, VOTING SUPPORT FOR
FRIENDLY RESOLUTION LACKING PRIORITY MIGHT DISSIPATE EVEN
IF BLOCKING MOTION FAILED OR NO BLOCKING MOTION
TAKEN.

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3. FURTHER DISCUSSION
(A) NETHERLANDS- TO FOLLOW A MOVE FOR PRIORITY
WITH A MOVE FOR POSTPONEMENT WOULD BE "NOT QUITE"
CONSISTENT. ALTHOUGH, SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTION,
NETHERLANDS REP SAID HE WOULD BE VERY RELUCTQNT
PERSONALLY TO PROCEED ON THAT COURSE.

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(B) US - PRIORITY WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO AVOID A POSSIBLE
BLOCKING ACTION IN COMMITTEE ONE. AT OTHER STAGES,
PRIORITY WOULD NOT BE AN ADVANTAGE. FOR INSTANCE, SHOULD
DEFERMENT OF ITEMS BE SOUGHT IN GENERAL COMMITTEE IT
WOULD BE BETTER TO HAE DEFERMENT OF HOSTILE ITEM IN HAND
BEFORE AGREEING TO DEFERMENT OF FRIENDLY ITEM. ADDITIONALLY,
THERE WOULD BE POSSIBILITY THAT INCONSISTENCY IN APPROACH

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COULD DIMINISH VOTING SUPPORT FOR DEFERMENT OR FOR
RESOLUTION ITSELF. OUR SIDE COULD RUN RISK OF BEING SEEN
TO HAVE BEEN USING PEOPLE. US AGREED WITH UK THAT, IF
PRIORITY SOUGHT THIRTY DAYS OR LESS BEFORE OPENING OF UNGA,
MOTION FOR DEFERMENT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH "IMPORTANT
AND URGENT" NATURE OF INSCRIBED ITEM. US ADDED THAT PRIORITY
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FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WOULD EXCLUDE VERY SMALL POSSIBILITY
THAT DEBATE BE AVOIDED THROUGH NON-INSCRIPTION OF HOSTIEL
ITEM. ADDITIONALLY, BLOCKING THREAT TO AND LOSS OF VOTING
SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION LACKING PRIORITY COULD BE
COUNTERED BY VIGOROUS LOBBYING EFFORTS.

(C) CANADA - ACCEPTED COGENCY OF ROK REASONING REGARDING
BLOCING AND LOSS OF VOTING-SUPPORT DANGERS IN
COMMITTEE ONE, BUT CONTINUED TO SEE OVERALL ADVANATEG IN
MODERATE STANCE TOTALLY CONSISTENT WITH FRIENDLY LOBBYING
POSITION.

4. DEFERMENT

THERE WAS AGREEMENT IN CORE GROUP THAT PROSPECTS FOR A
SUCCESSFUL DEFERMENT ACTION COULD BE BETTER ASSESSED
AFTER COLOMBO AND SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO UNGA. WHILE RECOMMENDATION
FOR DEFERMENT MIGHT BE ACHIEVABLE IN GENERAL COMMITTEE,
THIS RECOMMENDATION COULD BE CHALLENGED WHEN UNGA CONSIDERED
GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT. THUS ASSESSMENT OF SUPPORT FOR
DEFERMENT WITHIN UN MEMBERSHIP AS A WHOLE WOULD BE
IMPORTANT. DEGREE OF SUPPORT SHOWN NORTH KOREA AT COLOMBO
MIGHT HELP IN THIS ASSESSMENT.

5. CORE GROUP ACTION

CORE GROUP AGREED TO MEET ATAIN ON AUGUST 12 AND TO REQUEST
THEIR CAPITALS' APPROVAL OF DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION
AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM BY THAT TIME. WITH A VIEW TO
ESTABLISHING A PLAN FOR RAPID SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION.
CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES ALSO AGREED TO SEEK COSPONSORSHIP
BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS DELEGATION OF TACTICAL OPTION
REGARDING SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION TO NEW YORK PERMREPS.
NETHERLANDS FOR ONE BELIEVED THAT THE HAGUE MIGHT NOT WHOLLY
DELEGATE TACTICAL OPTION FOR SUBMISSION DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK
REPRESENTATIVE AND THAT LAST MINUTE TELEPHONE CALL MIGHT
BE NECESSARY TO GAIN FINAL AUTHORIZATION. BELGIUM
THOUGHT THAT, WHILE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AND EXPLANATORY
MEMORANDUM, MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING BY AUGUST 12, DECISION
REGARDING COSPONSORSHIP MIGHT TAKE LONGER. CANADA THOUGHT
IT MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING DECISION IN NEARY FUTURE IF
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FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN BECAUSE RELEVANT PEOPLE IN OTTAWA FOCUSING EXCLUSIVELY ON ASIAN TRIP OF FORNMIN. CORE GROUP MEMBERS ALSO AGREED TO KEEP ROK CHAIRMAN PROMPTLY INFORMED SHOULD THEY RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS, FOR INTANCE, TO REQUEST AMENDMENT TO DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION.

6. FOR COLOMBO: WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY NON-ALIGNED REACTION TO SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL AND/OR OTHER INDICATIONS OF STATE OF PLAY ON KOREA.

7. COMMENT: FOLLOWING CORE GROUP MEETING, ROK AMBASSADOR MOON HAD AMBASSADOR BENNETT AND MISOFF TO LUNCH ALONG WITH ROK WORKING-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES ON CORE GROU. MOON APPEARED UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM SEOUL TO GET ON WITH MOVE FOR PRIORITY. IN EVENING, HOWWEVER, WHEN ROK MISOFF TELEPHONED US MISOFF TO CHECK ON A DETAIL OF CORE GROUP MEETING, ROK MISOFF VOLUNTEERED HIS VIEW THAT ROK WOULD GO ALONG WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF GROUP AS A WHOLE. BENNETT

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